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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Re: Application of Laurence Gerald HUGHES, Terrence Albert VICK and Jin-Hai WANG
COATED IMPLANTS
Assignee: BIOCOMPATIBLES UK LIMITED
Our Ref: Q78134

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/937,224 (Confirmation No. 6694) filed September 24, 2001, of Laurence Gerald HUGHES, Terrence Albert VICK and Jin-Hai WANG, entitled COATED IMPLANTS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 12 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1615.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/937,224 filed September 24, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Europe	00300509.7	January 24, 2000

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/937,224.

The Government filing fee is calculated, **after entry of the Preliminary Amendment**, as follows:

Total claims	<u>54</u> - 20 = <u>34</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$612.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>3</u> - 3 = <u>0</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee					<u>\$770.00</u>

TOTAL FILING FEE					<u>\$1,382.00</u>
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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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